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The Second in Command" all the ground he had lost in "Richard Carvel." It is conreivable that the whole sesson may bring ne bigger success to any actor on our stage han this new play enabled him to make.

The Major of British Dragoons whom Mr. Drew introduced to us was a delightful fellow, an unlucky blunderer, deserving the best that came along, but getting the worst, until his mischances had lasted ong enough to fill a play. A colonelcy should have been given to him, but another man got it. When the regiment was ordered to service in Africa he alone was detailed for duty at home, and a pathetic scene it was when, as the others parched away-in the inspiring manner of the troops in "Ours," with music and cheers he broke down at having to remain with the girls they left behind them.

One of those girls he wanted for a wife. and she agreed to marry him, though she did not love him, and frankly said so, but the circumstances were such as to lead the Major into a betrothal that brought no appiness to either. It turned out to be the Colonel whom she had chosen as her ideal, upon seeing his portrait, and when she encountered him alive she found that he was all she had imagined. He was heartily reciprocal, but misunderstandings and heartaches ensued before she was happily transferred from the gallant wrong man to the equally gallant right man

The author of 'The Second in Command,' a former Captain in the British Army, Robert Marshall, had twice before given plays to us eketching military life with seeming accuracy, and surely with agree-ablenced. No more in this case than in the others had he written a masterplece of social observation or dramatic art. His logic was again faulty at various points, his characters were unreasonably thickheaded and the general structure of the story was theatric. But those weaknesses were so well compensated by a strength of quaint entertainment, even of rather intense emotional feeling in certain sentimental passages, that only a cynic could have failed to put aside hypercritism and yield himself to the enjoyment of a olever piece cleverly acted.

There was no villainy to be depicted. Guy Standing as Mr. Drew's rival in love and war had to be nothing else than manly. Ida Conquest as the girl in vacillation was enabled to be altogether amiable. The group of dragoons were all likely fellows, even to the one whose spendthrift habits

were to the one whose spending it had a war the first cause of the trouble, and who was well acted by Oswald Yorke. It was an admirable cast.

The success at the Empire last night marked happily the beginning of Charles Frohman's tenth year as manager of this theatre, which was built for him, and of his control of Mr. Drew. His policy this theatre, the house has not been changed.

of his control of Mr. Drew. His policy regarding this house has not been changed or neglected with his acquisition of many others and the multiplication of his enterprises. It has remained the home of his stock company, and been devoted exclusively to legitimate plays.

The only occupants of its stage have been his own actors. It was there that his first star, Mr. Drew, and his famous second, Maude Adams, have played memorable engagements. The lease of the Empire to Mr. Frohman for ten years assured for it, as things have turned out, at least for it, as things have turned out, at least a decade of artistic dignity and prosperity. The front of the house was gayly decorated last night and a triumphal march by Willast night and a triumphal march by Wil-liast night and a triumphal march by Wil-liam Furst entitled "The Empire" was played by the orchestra, but Mr. Frohman would not permit himself to be coerced into view by the audience's demands or Mr. Drew's insistence.

"I played poker last night." "No, with men."

Such jokes as that kept an audience laughing three hours at the Knickerbocker last night. There must have been nearly two hundred of them and they were hurled at the listeners in such quick succession that the few that miscarried were forgotten in the roars at their successors. No one was surprised that "The Rogers Brothers in

Washington" made an unmistakable suc-Every one expected it would. Klaw and

possible demands of the man who should west his daughter. This is always a safe plot. Shakespeare wasn't any more origmil when he put it in "The Merchant of

Venice" than Mr. McNally was in "The In this most recent use a young man and to be elected to Congress on the Republican ticket from a strong Democratic listrict. His only chance of success lay splitting the popular ticket, which he plotted with some politicians to do. With gnorant Germans as his opponents he mught be saw sure victory. The plot ood still from this opening to the end of the may, where somehow, it all ended happily,

appeared to because everybody danced

during as the final curtain fell.
Three acts are required to tell the story, after to recount the jokes and sing the | Railway songe that went with it. The first passed

NEW THINGS ON THE STAGE. Rogers were the central funmakers. Hat-

THE ROGERSES IN THEM.

One Comedian Central in "The Second in Command," and the Two Others in "The Rogers Brothers in Washington," by John J. McNally—A Start by the Dosnelly Stock Company.

John Drew, who was hindered last season by a role that was bad for him, will be helped this season by one that is good for him. Clad for the first time in his life in a military uniform at the Empire Theatre last night he still was not required to make any fight to win a decisive victory. Nothing opposed him. The part he played would be hard for other than a smoothly polished and finely felicitous actor, but it was easy for this heir to the Drew family gifts and accomplishments.

There was no need for the audience to draw upon its good will toward him after the cordial greeting was over. The applause during his performance would have teen as plentiful if he had been a stranger. While it is true that he disclosed no new facility or mannerism, all the old ones that most people like were brought into suitable use, and he far more than regained in The Second in Command" all the ground he had lost in "Richard Carvel." It is considered the second and the last it was the keyers brothers left town a very ango. Jeanette Bafore the last act, lights.

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Rogers were the central funmakers. Hatte Williams, as a soubrette in pursuit of a frisky old Judge, Eugend Arbed Judge, Eugend Arbed Levely on the went to Washington, naking things lively in the Botanical Garcines, in view of the capital. It was heet that the best of the Congress was uproariously funny. Soon after that they sang the song that was the sequences of the plead to will be whisted all over town within a forming. It was the sequences of the plead to will be whisted all over town within a forming. It was to was a sequent to Washington, naking things lively in the Botanical Garcines, in view of the capital. It was heet that the will make when they got into Congress was uproariously funny. Soon after that they sang the song that was the sequences of th ers brothers who were first favorites. And
their popularity wasn't limited to the three
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made by Margaret Mayo, and was nearer like the one by Mr. Elsner, used at the American, than Paul Potter's more elaborately produced piece. The first act of Miss Mayo's arrangement passed in a ballroom instead of Bertie Cecil's quarters, but the occurrences were about the same as those devised by Ouida to get Bertie from prosale England to romantic Algiers. The most extraordinary departure from the novel was the odd use of Lady Guenevere, making of her a sort of comic society matron. The second act in Algiers made the relations of Cigaretts and Bertie more like those of the usual melodrama here and heroine than Ouida did. This was Mr. Potter's treatment in his play for Blanche Bates. The later acts, in Lady Venitin's tent on the sandswept mountains and in the French sandswept mountains and in the French

The later acts, in Lady Venitia's tent on the sandswept mountains and in the French camp, were generally like the book and the two recert plays. Miss Mayo's dramatization is acceptable and will serve.

The audience was generous in its greetings. There were few newcomers in the Donnelly ranks, and so the applause was the more prolonged. Rose Stuart danced on as the curtain rose, and a record in welcomes was set that only Laura Hope Crews broke. Both actresses were admirable in the subsidiary parts of Lady Guenevers and Lady Ventila. At the entrance of William Bramwell, the leading man, a girl in the front row arose and threw a bouquet of roses to him, and then seemed embarrassed at her boldiness. Henry V. Donnelly and Frances Starr were the other old friends warmly greeted. Alice Johnson, the new leading actresse, did not lack encouragement. She seemed to possess emotional force, and of the beauty of her voice and intellectuality of her elocution there could be no doubt. But she was physically and temperamentally unsuited to Cigarette. She was large and in manner too sweetly feminine to suggest the vivandière. However, the audience liked her, and apparently will have cause to admire her when she gets a part better suited to her. The stranger who made the best impression was Robert McWade, Jr., whose performance of Rake was thoroughly good.

The plays at the four Proctor theatres yesterday were jocular, excepting the war drama of "A Fair Rebel" at the Fifty-eighth Street, where the military aspects of the performance included a troop of mounted cavalry. "Widow Bedott" was given at the Harlem, "A Bachelor's Honeymoon" at the Fifth Avenue and "The Man From Mexico" at the Twenty-third Street. There was vaudeville in the bill at each house The American had opened on Saturday with "Under Two Flags" and the Brooklyn Columbia with "The Great Ruby," with casts from the two Greenwall stock com-

panies.

The theatres that change their plays weekly with travelling companies were more than usually interesting. "Theodora" was at the Grand Opera House with Mr. and Mrs. Brune in a more elaborate paletter than the company's seen at a paletter of the part of the company's seen at a paletter of the part of the part

more than usually interesting. Theodora was at the Grand Opera House with Mr. and Mrs. Brune in a more elaborate production than is commonly seen at a half-price house. "The Prisoner of Zenda" was at the Metropolis, to be followed on Thursday by "Rupert of Hentzau." At the Third Avenue "Faust" was made mystle and lurid.

Vaudeville was fully as diverse as ever. Flo Irwin and Walter Hawley in "The Gay Miss Con" were foremost at Keith's, with the bicycling three Merrills scarcely behind them and a dozen other features following on. Joe Weish in a new Hebrew study called "Dispossessed" was the leader at Tony Pastor's, though Dooley and Kent, described as singing comedians, and others were almost up to him in the audience's estimation. Hurtig & Scamon's, at the upper end of the town, made much of James Thornton, the Strakosch Opera Company and the Simms-Angeles comedy pair. Paradise Garden and Cherry Blossom Grove were still open. Moving pictures were a feature at the Eden Musée, along with the waxworks.

Every one expected it would. Klaw and Erlanger have given to New York annually for four years a lively extravaganza, full of laughter, song, dance and color, and with the Rogers brothers as the centre of the plays and their titles. The new one last night was as good as any that had gone before, and perhaps better. John J McNally had written the story which had been added to by Harry B. Smith verses and Rogers brothers jokes. Ben Teal had put it on the stage in a pictorially bright and physically animated liveliness. The costumes were numerous and dazzling. Maurice Levi's music was sometimes good as to tunes, but always cheap. It was the weak spot in a show that made no artistic claims, but simply tried to be funny, and was that all the time.

It is hard to tell just how much plot to put into an extravaganza of this sort, but My McNally gave just about the right measure. Too much is likelier to be fatal than too little. Of course, it hinged on an old man's will, making seemingly impossible demands of the man who should

House.
The theatre at Manhattan Beach will be the close of be devoted from to-night to the close of the season to vaudeville "Pain's War in China" and fireworks displays will be

More of the Plant Lines Consolidated. CHARLESTON, S. C., Sept. 2 - Stockholders' meetings were held in Charleston. Savannah and Montgomery to-day, at which favorable action was taken on the proposition to consolidate four branch lines of the Plant system with the Savannah. Florida and Western, the parent company Six Plant roads were consolidated two months ago to-day and now all the main lines are included. The four branches merged to-day were the Ashley River Railrond, the Greenpond, Walterboro and Western Railway, the Albeville Southern Railway and the Southwestern Alabama was married at noon to-day to fir J. W.

After Reading "The Sun" in New York. Of course, Gus and Max on the leading subjects of the day.—Adv.

NOT RECAUSE OF PHILBIN'S ILL-WILL, JUSTICE SAYS.

He Issues a Statement Melative to the Disposition of Cases That Were to Have Come Before Him Here This Month in the Criminal Branch.

Justice Fursman of the Supreme Court gave out this statement yesterday sconcerning the fact that District Attorney Philbin had no cases ready for trial in his

'The September term was never in the original assignments to Part I. of the Criminal branch of the Supreme Court. These assignments omitted July, August and September. Early in July, the June term having extended into that month, Mr Cowan, of the District Attorney's office informed me that there were two or three cases which the office was anxious to dispose of speedily, and requested me on behalf of the District Attorney to hold a term here in September.

"I reluctantly consented to come here for two weeks of September, and the District Attorney wrote a letter to the Appellate Division asking that the assignment be made Afterward Justice Gildersleeve was assigned for August, and the cases that were to have come up before me in September have been disposed of before him, I am

their thanks before the curtain. The only trouble ahead of "The Rogers Brothers in Washington" is the almost sure one that the next play at the Knickerbocker will force this farce out before the public is willing to let it go. Its success is unmistakable.

The conditions that prevailed before and behind the footlights at the reopening of the Murray Hill yesterday afternoon were the same as those at the American on Saturday. The auditorium was crowded by enthusiastic, giggling, caramel-sating girlhood, and on the stage was "Under Two Flags." There was some slight difference in both the femininity and the plays, but in essentials they were the same This vorsion of Ouida's novel had been made by Margaret Mayo, and was nearer like the one by Mr. Elsner, used at the American, than Paul Potter's more elaborately produced piece. The first act of Miss Mayo's arrangement passed in a ballroom Mayo's arrangement passed in a ballroom was in the courts of general Sessions have been in session. Nearly all of the thirty-five homicide cases awaiting trial are cases requiring no greater talent for the sone of particular to the prosecute the ordinary run of cases in the courts have had little to do because only two of the four courts of General Sessions have been in session. Nearly all of the thirty-five homicide cases awaiting trial are cases requiring no greater talent for the plays of the four courts of general Sessions have been in session. are cases requiring no greater talent for their prosecution than is possessed by the Assistant District Attorneys to whom in the past this class of work has customarily been assigned. A number of these assist-ants are now on vacation.

> WON'T BE WAR, SAYS MR. LOOMIS. Venezuela and Columbia Both Too Poor to Fight.

Francis B. Loomis, who was formerly Minister to Venezuela, arrived yesterday on the steamship Vaderland from Lisbon, in Portugal, which is now his official post. Upon his arrival at the Grand Hotel he found several letters from friends and business men in Caracas. Some of them had been written as recently as ten days ago and one spoke of the great unrest of the people of Venezuela over the possible conflict with Colombia. When asked if he had anything to say concerning the trouble between the two South American republics Mr. Leomis replied:

"I left Venezuela last April, so I am really not prepared to talk about this matter. When I left Caracas there was no trouble between the two countries and all I know of what has happened there since I have gleaned from the letters I received upon my arrival here. You may be certain and that is that our Government is thoroughly informed upon the situation and that our interests will not suffer from a lack of care

on its part."

Speaking of the two republics generally,
Mr. Leomis said he did not think either
could well afford to go to war now on
account of the poor financial condition
of both. The staple product of both is
coffee and for several years the price of that commodity has been so low that many plantations have been forced to quit raising it. Then, too, Colombia is having a revolution, in which several thousand persons have already lost their lives and the cost of it is enormous. Mr. Loomis said be could not very well see where either Venezuela or Colombia was going to raise the

could not very well see where either Venezuela or Colombia was going to raise the money to carry on a war.

Passengers who arrived vesterday from Cartagena, Colombia, on the steamer Altai, expressed the belief that the Government of Colombia will before long get itself into trouble with the United States for persecuting our acting Consul at that port. A few weeks ago Consul Ingersoil left Cartagena on a leave of absence, placing the affairs of the consulate in charge of a native Colombian. He was warned semi-officially not to take this step, as the man in question is a pronounced Liberal, whose party is in rebellion against the Government. The Colombian authorities now profess to be greatly incensed.

Luther T. Elisworth, United States Consul at Puerto Cabello, Venezuela, and George MacDonald, who is interested in the asphalt deposits at Maracaibo, were passengers on the steamer Philadelphia, in yesterday from La Guayra. Both depled the existence of a revolution in Venezuela and also did not think much of the war talk between Venezuela and Colombia.

Regarding the asphalt controversy between the two American companies Mr. MacDonald said that the Supreme Court of Venezuela, which has not been in session during the summer, will probably reach a decision by the middle of this month.

MOTHER LOVE MOVES COURT.

MOTHER LOVE MOVES COURT. Woman Steals for Children and Saves Her Prison Foed for Them.

Mrs. Josephine Olszewski, 40 years old of 179 Fourteenth street, Jersey City, was arraigned before Police Justice Hoos, charged with stealing three pairs of socks and two pairs of stockings from German's general goods store, 118 Newark avenue. she had been in the women's prison on the Heights since Saturday. As she stepped from the pen she saw a man and boy on from the pen she saw a man and boy on the front bench outside the rail. She called the boy to her and kissed him. Then she took from beneath her tattered shawt three half-loaves of broad. These she gave to the boy telling him to hurry home and feed his brothers and sisters. As the boy started to the door she turned and feed the Court. aced the Court She said she had stolen only to provide food for her seven children. Her hus-

band, whom she pointed out where he sat, had been unable to get work, and for six months she had done what she could to support the family by washing and scrubing. All last week she was without work and when she had neither food nor money she resolved to steal. The bread she had given her sen she had saved from her prison fare. John Olszewski, the woman's husband,

was called to the bar and corroborated his wife's story in relation to his failure to find work and her efforts to provide for the family. The children, he said, was not in court and the case was adjourned to Tuesday, but inter Justice Hose recalled the woman and advised her to waive her legal rights and plead guity. This she did and was discharged under suspension of

Several persons who heard the woman's story will endeavor to provide her husbard with work. In the meantime money was given Mrs. Obsewski to provide food for her family.

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L. Livingston and the late 3. Lawrence Lee, in her 25th year.

Pineral services will be held at Grace Church chantry, on Tuesday. Sept. 3, 1901, at 10 o'clock A. M. Interment at Hyde Park, Dutchess county. Train leaves Grand Central Station, Hudson River Railroad, at 1130, returning at 6.22. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

And friends are invited to account.

**Polow At Concent Station, N. J., on Priday, Aug. 30, 1901, Brig-tien, William Ludlow.

**Portril services with be held at Trinity Church Broadway and Wall st. New York, on Tuesday, Sept. 3, 1901, at 12 o'clock. Philadelphia. and Washington papers please copy

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Philetus R. Stont. aged 80 years 10 months and 6 days.
Puneral services at the Reformed Church, Montrose, on Wednesday, Sept. 4, 1901, at 2 o'clock, UTPHEN. On Sunday, Aug. 31, 1901, drowned by capatring of boat off Highlands of Navestnk, Morris C. Sutphen of Morristown, N. J., son of Fleanor B. and the late Rev. Morris C. Sutphen, Notice of funeral hereafter.

WELLS. On Tuesday, Sept. 2, 1931, George Wil-Ham Wells, M. D., in his asth year. Funeral services at his late residence, Elichmond Aply for checkers. Train leaves foot of East 54th.

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